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Ingham et al.

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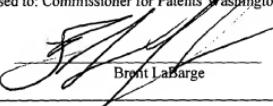
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed March 26, 2002, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 132.

123. (Amended) A method for promoting one or more of growth, differentiation, and survival of neuronal cells, comprising contacting said cells with an amount of a *hedgehog* polypeptide at least 80% identical to at least one sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ